University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

MScAgric Soil Science (03250456)

Duration of study	2 years
Total credits	180

Programme information

Residence
On the recommendation of the head of department, the Dean may set specific residential requirements for the MScAgric degree.

Renewal of registration
As long as progress is satisfactory, renewal of the registration of a master's student will be accepted for the second year of the study. Registration for a third and subsequent years will only take place when the Student Administration of the Faculty receives a written motivation which is supported by the head of department and Postgraduate Studies Committee.

Curriculum
Subject to programme-specific requirements, the curriculum for the MScAgric degree consists of the following:
a. A dissertation; and
b. Further study in the major subject/s, augmented by ancillary modules prescribed by the Postgraduate Studies Committee, on the recommendation of the head of department. Such ancillary modules may be taken simultaneously with the major subject/s. Candidates in possession of the BScAgricHons degree may be exempted from additional ancillary modules.

General
Candidates are required to familiarise themselves with the General Regulations regarding the maximum period of registration and the requirements on the submission of a draft article for publication.

Admission requirements

A four-year Applied Soil Science degree or equivalent qualification with a minimum average of 60% is required for admission. In addition, a motivation letter reflecting research interest should accompany the application form. Selection of students will be based on academic performance, the motivation letter, available supervisory capacity and research project funding.

Other programme-specific information

Depending on the academic background of the student and the chosen area of study, it may be required of the student to do additional coursework.

Examinations and pass requirements

i. The examinations in the ancillary modules should be successfully completed prior to, or simultaneously with, the examinations in the major subject/s, unless the Faculty Board decides otherwise.
ii. General Regulation G.12.2 applies to the calculation of marks.
iii. In order to obtain the MScAgric degree, the candidate must pass all prescribed modules, including the examination in the major subject/s, as well as the dissertation.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 180

Core modules

Dissertation: Soil science 890 (GDK 890)

Module credits	180.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Plant Production and Soil Sc
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

This module involves the development, presentation and approval of a research proposal, the execution of the research project, and the writing up and presentation of the research results. In addition to the dissertation, the student is also expected to compile a concept research paper for publication

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 180

Core modules

Dissertation: Soil science 890 (GDK 890)

Module credits	180.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Plant Production and Soil Sc
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

This module involves the development, presentation and approval of a research proposal, the execution of the research project, and the writing up and presentation of the research results. In addition to the dissertation, the student is also expected to compile a concept research paper for publication

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